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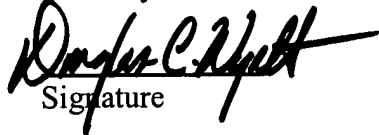
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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to a non-final Office Action mailed October 18, 2005 in the above referenced application. A Petition and Fee for Extension of time are included herewith.

Amendments to the specification are reflected in the replacement paragraph, which begins on page 3 of this paper. The paragraph beginning at Page 7, line 18 and continuing through to Page 8, line 12 of the specification has been replaced with a new paragraph. No new matter has been added.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper. Claims 1 - 14 have been cancelled. Claim 15 and 23 have been amended.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.